

# **TENNESSEE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

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## **Amended Policy Statement on Non-Compliance with Continuing Education Requirement**

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A Chiropractic Physician licensed in Tennessee is required to complete twenty-four (24) clock hours of Board-approved continuing education annually. Chiropractic Therapy Assistants and Chiropractic X-ray Technologists are required to complete six (6) clock hours of Board-approved continuing education annually.

If a Tennessee licensed Chiropractic Physician, Chiropractic Therapy Assistant or Chiropractic X-ray Technologist fails to obtain the required amount of continuing education during the calendar year due, the following shall occur:

1. Prior to the institution of any disciplinary proceedings, a letter shall be sent from the board's administrative office to the last known address of record of licensee in the board's office stating the deficiency and asking that licensee cure the deficiency within ninety (90) days from the date of notification.
2. If a Chiropractic Physician fails or refuses to cure the deficiency after ninety (90) days from the date of notification, the Board will present to the licensee an Agreed Citation which specifies a civil penalty payment in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), to be rendered within thirty (30) days upon notification from the Board. Chiropractic Therapy Assistants and Chiropractic X-ray Technologists who fail or refuses to cure the deficiency upon notification by the Board will be issued an Agreed Citation specifying a civil penalty payment in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), to be rendered within thirty (30) days upon notification from the Board.
3. Licensee must make up the amount of hours that he/she is deficient, in addition to the continuing education hours necessary to be obtained annually. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Board upon completion, but no later than the following calendar year. Failure to fulfill these conditions may subject licensee to further disciplinary action.
4. If the licensee refuses to execute the Agreed Citation and/or remit the civil penalty described therein within thirty (30) days of the date the Agreed Citation is sent to the licensee, or if the licensee fails to provide proof of completion of deficient hours, the licensee shall be referred to the Office of Investigations and Office of General Counsel for formal disciplinary action.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS ON JANUARY 26, 2017. POLICY STATEMENT WAS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED ON JANUARY, 1, 2007 AND NOVEMBER 9, 2004.**